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Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign
Language Publications
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Review of FDD Program for the USSR

1. The Soviet Staff of OCI desires to make the following comments on subject exploitation (for easier reference purposes, RA will be used when referring to items under the FDD list of recommended adjustments and PA for items listed under possible additions):

(a) Political

- (1) ECON Division of OCI recommends adoption of RA-I-C.

Index of Nedomosti

(b) Biographical

- (1) The present OCI requirement for coverage under item item RA III as presented to on 8 December 1954, with amendments made by phone on 9 December 1954 (amended copy enclosed), should be considered an irreducible minimum of highest priority.

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Every effort should be made to reduce the time lag between receipt of the Soviet publications by FDD and receipt of the 5" X 8" cards by the consumer. In general, one month should be considered the maximum permissible lag; a shorter period would be highly desirable. No extension of the program should be considered until this requirement is met and facilities are available to maintain it.

An extension of source coverage as envisioned in item PA III A. would be highly desirable but such extension should be undertaken only after the present requirement is fully met. OCI will lend support to T/O increase to meet additional requirements on this.

- (2) Econ Division of OCI recommends collection of biographic data under PA-III B on leading economists and members of editorial boards of leading economic journals and references to articles written by such personalities. Source coverage for this category should include publications of ministries and other economic organizations as well as leading economic journals.

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(c) Military

- (1) OCI Military Division is in full agreement with the extension of coverage noted in PA IV A and B and urges that these additions be made. It would, however, be impossible to accept a corresponding decrease in the present coverage for this report.

(d) Economic

- (1) Economic Division suggests that PA-V-D would be a most valuable addition and would recommend generous interpretation of the term "important".

2. It will be noted that OCI has concurred in a number of the possible additions without suggesting corresponding cuts. This office would like to stress the importance to OCI of these items and recommends that FDD make all possible efforts to effect these additions, including the addition of personnel if such is necessary.

3. Where we have not made any comments on FDD's recommended program, the omission is intended as concurrence.

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Please refer any questions on the above to

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